

Department of Corrections Community Based Reentry Groups and Contact Information

MRP Steering Team Activity Report Region I		
County	Contact Information	Comments
MERRGE (Missouri Eastern Region Reentry Group Effort) St. Louis City and County	<p>Nancy McCarthy, Regional Administrator II Nancy.McCarthy@doc.mo.gov 314-877-1176</p> <p>Janet Schneider, Superintendent, SLCRC Janet.Schneider@doc.mo.gov 314-877-0300</p> <p>Reverend Lynn Mims, Pastor Barak Christian Church Lsmims3872@sglobal.net 314-972-0869</p>	<p>MRP team meets every month at District ERA. MERRGE has established its mission which is to integrate successful offender reentry principles and practice in communities resulting in partnerships that enhance offenders' self-sufficiency, reduce recidivism, and improve public safety in St. Louis City and County.</p> <p>MERRGE is comprised of several subcommittees including: Employment Housing Faith Based Initiative Mental Health/Substance Abuse Law Enforcement Vocational and Education Programs</p> <p>Subcommittee members attend regular meetings where they may represent their respective disciplines, agencies or organizations in the offender reentry process. Members' identify opportunities to improve supportive services to the offender population resulting in improved efficiency and reduction of duplicative services.</p> <p>MERRGE is working on several projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist in efforts with the St. Louis City and County ten year plan for homelessness. 2. Conducting mock interviews with offenders to prepare them for the workforce. 3. Cross training with community resources regarding probation and parole hiring exoffenders. 4. Completion of a guide about the services Workforce Development provides to offenders.

**MRP Steering Team Activity Report
Region II**

County	Contact Information	Comments
Cass	<p style="text-align: center;">Western Missouri Reentry Team Ed Bestgen, District Administrator Ed.Bestgen@doc.mo.gov 816-322-1166</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leesa Wiseman, Unit Supervisor Leesa.Wiseman@doc.mo.gov 816-322-1166</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deborah Kirk, Chairperson dKirk@cmh.edu 816-773-6214</p>	<p>Monthly meetings are being held. Contact Ed Bestgen for meeting times.</p>
Jackson	<p style="text-align: center;">Eastern Jackson MRP Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tracey Kirksey, District Administrator Probation and Parole District -24 Tracey.Kirksey@doc.mo.gov 816-795-6055 (Covers Independence, Blue Springs, etc.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4Central/4West Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Colin Smyth, District Administrator & Denise Bruce, District Administrator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Colin.Smyth@doc.mo.gov Denise.Bruce@doc.mo.gov 816-889-3322 816-753-832</p>	<p>Meetings held every other month. LINC and Caring Communities have recently joined the team as well as several faith based organizations, Independence School District and Catholic Charities. The relationship with the Independence School District will focus on identifying offenders being released to the community that have children or live with children that are involved in the district's programs. A variety of services and counseling is available to help build strong family relationships for the child and family within the school district. We also have GED started at one of the local churches that will report back attendance to Probation and Parole. Approximately three months ago, the GED program was started and currently has 50 participants. Job training has been established with our Englewood/Maywood Weed and Seed in Environmental Remediation for Returning Felons. The team is also working on cross agency training, community education on MRP, media and other public outlets to discuss reentry success stories, a resource guide for services available in the community and a resource guide for what the local churches have available.</p> <p>Due to the proximity of these offices, the two districts were combined into one MRP group. We have developed our mission statement and created four separate subcommittees to focus on four key categories (housing, education, employment and transportation). Sarita Graham from Sarita Lynn Ministries is a very strong member of the group. Contact has been made with local neighborhood associations and churches. A donation for 100 coats for offenders was received this winter. This group continues to grow.</p>

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Jackson	<p style="text-align: center;">Raytown MRP Group Probation and Parole Dist. #4C Colin.Smyth@doc.mo.gov 816-889-3322</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District 4 Shari Morlang, District Administrator Shari.Morlang@doc.mo.gov 816-482-5882</p> <p style="text-align: center;">West/Northwest Steering Team Gene Purtle, Chairperson Thekeys1@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KC Crime Commission 2nd Chance Program Barry Mayer, Chairperson Bmayer@kc-crime.org</p>	<p>This group is in the initial stages of formation. Contact Colin Smyth if interested in participating.</p> <p>District 4 has a very strong MRP group with community members now chairing/running the group. Mark Smith from Helping Hands of Goodwill is the Chair. Brandi Jahnke from Connections to Success is the co-chair. A subcommittee is currently looking at gaps in services specifically housing, transportation and community partner education.</p> <p>Meets quarterly. Focus is on providing assistance to local MRP groups in Western and Northwestern Missouri.</p> <p>Board meeting is held monthly. The Chairperson is Barry Mayer from the Kansas City Crime Commission. Currently they are working on establishing a One Stop Center. In addition, the team is working to raise money to support non-profit efforts working with offender reentry in the KC Metro area.</p>
Bates Cedar St. Clair Vernon	<p style="text-align: center;">Brian Teems, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 30 Brian.Teems@doc.mo.gov 417-448-1250</p>	<p>MRP group meets every month. For meeting times contact Brian Teems.</p>
Henry Johnson	<p style="text-align: center;">Lori Burk, District Administrator Probation and Parole- District 5 Lori.Burk@doc.mo.gov</p>	<p>Meetings held on the last Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m.</p>
Clay Platte	<p style="text-align: center;">Tim Wholf, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 19 Tim.Wholf@doc.mo.gov</p>	<p>The MRP team is in the formulation phase after holding a reentry summit. Determination is being made to narrow down the areas of need where they will place their focus.</p>

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Region III**

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Butler Carter Ripley Wayne	Debbie Collins, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 25 Debbie.Collins@doc.mo.gov 573 840-9555	District 25 has a strong MRP group with 20 plus active community members. Reentry Opportunity Center has been held every other month for the past year. A community resource guide was developed. The group is currently working on transportation issues. It meets the third Monday of each month.
Barry Christian Dallas Greene Lawrence Polk Stone Taney Webster	SW Area MRP Steering Team Chair Dardi Smith, Regional Administrator Dardi.Smith@doc.mo.gov Kim KcKlentic, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 10 Kim.McKlentic@doc.mo.gov 417-888-4203 Bill Abbett, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 10R Bill.Abbett@doc.mo.gov 417-895-5700 Kerry Nelson, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 21 Kerry.Nelson@doc.mo.gov 417-334-5613	Greene and Taney County along with all of District 10, 10R and 21 are part of the Regional Area MRP Steering Team. Team charter is completed. This team meets the third Monday of each month.
Douglas Howell Oregon Ozark Shannon Texas Wright	Richard Chronister, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 13 Richard.Chronister@doc.mo.gov 417-256-6178	A Howell County steering committee was established and chartered in 2007 and meets on the 4 th Thursday of each month. Resource fairs for offenders were held in April and October, 2008, with a plan to hold them quarterly. A special meeting was held in December to discuss the proposals for the upcoming community reentry grants. The initial meeting of the Wright County Steering Committee was held in July, 2008 and meets monthly.

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Barton Dade Jasper Newton McDonald	<p>Cherylon Winningham, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 9 Cherylon.Winningham@doc.mo.gov 417-256-6178</p> <p>Rick Robinson, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 33 Rick.Robinson@doc.mo.gov 417-451-5322</p>	<p>District 9 and 33 meets on a monthly basis at the SW Missouri Alliance Building. A facilitator has been added to the meeting to help with direction. The focus of the meetings has been in developing transportation for our rural counties and identifying partners already in the area. District 9 recently joined the Chamber of Commerce. We are currently attempting to obtain grant money.</p>
Laclede	<p>Chris Brown, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 35 Chris.Brown@doc.mo.gov 417-532-6224</p>	<p>The Laclede County MRP group meets on the third Thursday of each month. Laclede County Resource Directory is available upon request.</p>

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Region IV**

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Crawford Dent Maries Phelps Pulaski	<p style="text-align: center;">Scott E. Berkgigler Scott.Berkgigler@doc.mo.gov 573-368-2233 ext.230</p>	<p>The District 11 Missouri Reentry Team is comprised of local service providers whose goal is to work together to assist the offender in becoming responsible, productive members of the community. This team is committed to identifying needed support and resources.</p>
Boone	<p style="text-align: center;">Michael Webber, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 6 1512 Hereford Drive, Suite A Columbia, MO 65202 Mike.Webber@doc.mo.gov 573 884-7016</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David Meyer Probation and Parole-District 6 1512 Hereford Drive Suite, Suite A Columbia, MO 65202 David.Meyer@doc.mo.gov</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Steve Tatlow, Community Involvement Coordinator Boone County Community Partnership 601 Business Loop 70 W. Suite 217C Columbia, MO 65203 statlow@boonecountypartnership.com 573-256-1890 ext. 256</p>	<p>Local MRP Group has selected the name of Boone County Offender Transition Network (BCOTN). Meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday of each month. Community partners, clients and staff attend. Activities have included the creation of a Reentry Opportunity Center, informational conferences, and plans for inclusion of youth/family intervention in promoting a healthier community.</p>
Audrain Callaway Montgomery	<p style="text-align: center;">Pam Phelps, RSVP Director, Chairperson Serve, Inc. 4901 County Road 304 Fulton, MO 65251 rsvp@socket.net</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Karen Dungan, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 26 Karen.Dungan@doc.mo.gov 573-592-4013</p>	<p>Meeting frequency is monthly.</p>

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Cole Moniteau Osage	Dana Thompson, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 27 2705 W. Main Jefferson City, MO 65109 Dana.Thompson@doc.mo.gov 573-751-4949	Local MRP team meets the last Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Probation and Parole office located at 2705 Main Street, Jefferson City. Contact Dana Thompson to become a member of this team.
Franklin Gasconade	Daphne Russell, Unit Supervisor and Chairperson Probation and Parole-District 16 3 Truman Court Union, MO 63084 Daphne.Russell@doc.mo.gov 636-583-8933	Franklin County Service Providers meets monthly at East Central College. These networks of local providers help meet the needs of our client population.
Lincoln Warren	Kim Evans, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 38 311 Travis Blvd. Troy, MO 63379 Kimberly.Evans@doc.mo.gov 636-528-5821 Heather Hogan St. Charles County Operations Director St. Charles, MO. 63301 hhagen@necac.org	A meeting is scheduled for implementation plans in February, 2009. Continuum of Care Committee (serving Lincoln, Warren and St. Charles counties)
Clark Lewis Marion Monroe Pike Ralls Scotland Knox	Dan Conboy, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 3/CSC Dan.Conboy@doc.mo.gov 573-248-2450 Kimberly Hyde, Coordinator, Parents Fair Share Kimberly.Hyde@ded.mo.gov	Meets on the second Thursday of even numbered months. Group priorities include working on reentry grants for gender specific group counseling programs, establishing a housing resource guide and committee members discussing their ongoing programs/opportunities.
St. Charles	Cherry Glass, POII Resource Officer Probation and Parole-District 17 211 Compass Point Drive St. Charles, MO 63301 Cheryl.Glass@doc.mo.gov 636-940-3333	The St. Charles County Networking Forum is the current equivalent to a MRP team. Cheryl Glass, PO II is the liaison for this team. A MRP Team will be developed in 2009.

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<p>Bollinger Cape Girardeau Perry</p>	<p>Willard Edwards, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 22 Willard.Edwards@doc.mo.gov 573-290-5820</p> <p>Tom Davisson Cape Girardeau Caring Council daviqqf@hotmail.com 573-651-3747</p>	<p>During this year our Vista volunteer, with help from our team, conducted Life Skills Classes. Most recently, the classes are getting good reviews from attendees and we are hopeful the referrals for these classes will continue to grow. In association with our Federal Probation and Parole Office partners, we conducted well received three-day training for Offender Employment Specialist. The success of this training has led to two more training sessions being scheduled. We are in the planning stages of combining an employer breakfast with an informational forum to try to get our MRP message out to local employers. Vista Volunteer, Randy Huffman, is helping to coordinate these events.</p>
<p>Dunklin</p>	<p>Melissa Bergman, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 23 Melissa.Bergman@doc.mo.gov 573-888-4900</p> <p>Minnie Saunders, Executive Director Dunklin County Caring Council msanders@clgw.net 573-717-1158</p>	<p>This group is meeting quarterly. The team has been able to access funding through the local Ministerial Alliance for birth certificates and Missouri state ID's for offenders. The team is also exploring transportation options, but has not yet developed a good plan without the availability of funds. Currently, the team is focusing their efforts on employment issues. A letter and brochure has been developed that is being sent to local employers explaining MRP and employer advantages to hiring offenders. MRP will be addressed at a seminar for the local Missouri Employers Committee in September 2008. The team will follow-up with employers after the seminar.</p>
<p>Jefferson</p>	<p>Doug Copeland, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District-15 Doug.Copeland@doc.mo.gov 696-789-3392</p> <p>Tracy Smith Jefferson County Community Partnership 636-464-2764</p>	<p>This group last met in November 2008. Resource pamphlets and a pocket version of one are currently at the printer and will be distributed to clients. A career fair was held in September 2008 and was very successful thanks to the Vista volunteer, Ms. Angel.</p>
<p>Mississippi</p>	<p>Scott Schlosser, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 41 Scott.Schlosser@doc.mo.gov 573-683-3673</p>	<p>This group meets quarterly and encompasses Mississippi County. Current goals for the group include improvements in offender transportation and employment.</p>

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Pemiscot	<p>John Lane, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 31 John.Lane@doc.mo.gov 573-333-2809</p>	<p>This committee's activities are simply having the committee stakeholders to represent their agency and to include how they can affect the MRP process. The team has generally talked about coming up with activities that could be funded by grant monies. The team has also discussed having a career fair but nothing specific has been set.</p>
New Madrid Scott	<p>Sharon Derrington, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 14 Sharon.Derrington@doc.mo.gov 573-472-5353 ext. 239</p> <p>Tonya Carruth, Executive Director New Madrid County Family Resource Council tonya@nmcfamilyresourcecenter.com 573-748-2708</p>	<p>This group continues to meet quarterly with the next meeting scheduled for January 8, 2009. A sub-group has been meeting to discuss possible grant requests. Vista volunteer, Kim Gray, continues to work in the New Madrid and Scott County areas. She has begun meeting with clients in the New Madrid satellite office to provide needs assessment and resource information to offenders. She will also work with the unemployed and assist in job readiness skill building. In January 2009 she will begin doing the same in the Sikeston district office. A career fair is planned for the Spring of 2009.</p>
Madison St. Francois St. Genevieve	<p>Rochelle Crump, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 12 Rochelle.Crump@doc.mo.gov 572-218-5006</p> <p>Al Sullivan St. Francis County Caring Communities director@sfccp.org 573-431-3173</p>	<p>This team continues to meet quarterly. The group has been in the process of creating a job essentials class and presently has a job search class that meets two times per month. The team has expanded to include law enforcement and faith based members. The faith based members are becoming volunteers and hope to become mentors for the CSC residents. The team is looking to survey clients to identify their needs. The group also plans to expand the MRP group to include members from Madison and St. Genevieve Counties. Lastly, a job fair is planned for the Spring of 2009.</p>

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Stoddard	<p align="center">James Berry, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 37 James.Berry@doc.mo.gov 573-624-9434</p>	<p>The Stoddard County Successful Integration Team has created its charter and is operating in Stoddard County at this time. We have formed a local employment group which meets weekly with unemployed Probation and Parole clients. This group is run jointly with Probation and Parole staff, Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Missouri Career Center. The group has done a presentation for all members on a typical probation and parole case to explain difficulties and obstacles clients face and allowed direct idea sharing for resources. Each meeting ends with a roundtable discussion where all agencies represented can update everyone on program availability and changes in the area. Recent local MRP team activities have been sponsoring a prison tour and MRP presentation at the Southeast Correctional Center for resources who work directly with offenders. This program is to help workers from all type of community support fields to be able to deal with clients who have been incarcerated more effectively.</p>
Iron Reynolds Washington	<p align="center">Ray Mills, District Administrator District 36 and Potosi Correctional Center Ray.Mills@doc.mo.gov 573-438-3623</p> <p align="center">Debbie Bust, Director and Vista Supervisor Washington County Community Partnership faces@ potosi,k12.mo.us 573-438-8555</p> <p align="center">Chris Humphrey, Vista Washington County Community Partnership 104 Hickory Street Potosi, MO 63664 573-438-8555</p>	<p>This MRP team meets on a quarterly basis. To date the team has completed a charter, conducted training at local meetings and sponsored a job fair in conjunction with Workforce and Work Connections. We also arranged for Work Connections to bring their Mobile Computer Lab to Washington County from Rolla and they conducted basic computer training regarding job searches for our offenders. We have conducted a successful community forum in the evening at the local Washington County Library. Speakers included the Executive Director, Washington County Community Partnership, District 36 Administrator, and the Drug Court Administrator for the 24th Circuit Court. Chris Humphrey and District 36 officers are arranging another job fair in conjunction with Jefferson County in order to provide a greater range of employment opportunities. Our Drug Court Administrator attended the presentation regarding the TAP implementation at the Potosi Correctional Center. District 36 set up a display at the meeting with information regarding services provided by Probation and Parole and pamphlets were made available to attendees. We have also made our District OP-II trainers available to Potosi Correctional Center Staff to assist in their Tap implementation. Chris has also updated</p>

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SMART (Southeast Missouri Area Reentry Team)	<p>Deborah Cotner, Regional Administrator and Chairperson Deborah.Cotner@doc.mo.gov 636-789-3392-ext.228</p> <p>Sharon Derrington, District Administrator Probation and Parole-District 14 Sharon.Derrington@doc.mo.gov 573-472-5353 ext. 239</p>	<p>SMART has been meeting quarterly since May 2006. A team charter has been developed. The primary mission of SMART is to support the 11 local MRP teams in the Southeast areas of the state in an effort to improve offender success and impact public safety. The team is comprised of representatives from state, federal and community resource agencies, including the Department of Corrections, (Probation and Parole District Administrators, Area Substance Abuse Treatment Coordinators and Transitional Housing Unit staff), Caring Communities Partnership, Division of Workforce Development, Federal Probation and Parole and Gibson Treatment Center. On 8-13-08 Julie Kempker attended the meeting and provided an update of statewide MRP initiatives. During that meeting, the team discussed ways to educate the local legislators about MRP and the issues pertinent to the Southeast Region. Tentative plans have been made for a luncheon, mailing or some type of activity that would educate legislators in this region. On 11-13-08 George Norman, Access to Recovery and Daphne Walker-Thoth with Committed Caring Faith Communities presented information regarding their programs. The next meeting will be scheduled for Spring, 2009.</p>

**MRP Steering Team Activity Report
Region VI**

County	Contact Information	Comments
Andrew Buchanan	<p>Amy Philpot, Probation & Parole Officer Amy.Philpot@doc.mo.gov</p> <p>Shari Green, Probation & Parole Officer Shari.Green@doc.mo.gov</p> <p>Kelley Smyth, Unit Supervisor Kelley.Smyth@doc.mo.gov</p> <p>District 1 3305 Faraon Street St. Joseph, Missouri 64506 816-271-3131</p>	<p>MRP team meets every 3 months at WRDCC. There are four subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Housing • Transportation • Mental Health/Substance Abuse <p>Two new groups are in development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Medical
Benton Camden Hickory	<p>Jim Powell, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 21 Jim.Powell@doc.mo.gov 573-346-2878</p>	<p>Meetings have started with DWD and are progressing to involve other agencies. Currently looking for interested people in the community to head up the effort.</p>
Caldwell Clinton Davies DeKalb Livingston	<p>David Whitt, Probation and Parole Officer Probation and Parole - District 2 David.Whitt@doc.mo.gov 660-646-4535 ext. 226</p>	<p>Meetings held monthly. Plans are to create formal structure electing Executive officers and establishing an official board. Efforts to expand involvement for the other four counties are planned for the coming year.</p>
Chariton Grundy Harrison Linn Putnam Sullivan	<p>Phil Daniels, Probation & Parole Officer Probation and Parole – District 39 Phil.Daniels@doc.mo.gov 660-359-3227</p> <p>Green Hills Advisory Board 1601 E. 30th Trenton, Missouri 64683 660-359-3227 ext. 226</p>	<p>Working to expand the role of the CAB to include MRP. Still in planning and transition phase.</p>

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Carroll Lafayette Ray Saline	Lee Bucksath, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 32 Lee.Bucksath@doc.mo.gov 660-259-3465	Meetings have started and are held on the first Thursday of each month. Steering team members, charter and by-laws are established.
Miller Morgan	Tena Riley, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 34 573-592-6920 ext. 232	Still in development
Atchison Gentry Holt Nodaway Worth	Tom Seipel, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 40 Tom.Seipel@doc.mo.gov 660-582-4799	Still in development
Cooper Pettis	Cheri Heeren, Chair 515 S. Kentucky Sedalia, Missouri 65301 pccp@iland.net 660-827-0560 Bruce Gabriel, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 29 Bruce.Gabriel@doc.mo.gov 660-530-5530	Meets first Monday of each month at noon. Meetings are generally located at 515 S. Kentucky or 205 Thompson Road.
Adair Schuyler	Brad Ayers, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 18 Brad.Ayers@doc.mo.gov 660-263-3762	Group focusing on developing direction, sharing information on services, VISTA volunteer involved, and developing educational groups on identified topics.